Return of Kashmiri Pandits

2884. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about three and a half lakh Kashmiri Pandits were forced to flee the Kashmiri Valley leaving behind their hearths and homes in the wake of terrorists activities;

(b) if so, whether they are now languishing in various camps in Jammu, Delhi and in other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to send them back to the Valley by creating conducive atmosphere there because they constitute the very ethos of the Valley; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Around 2.5 lakh persons belonging to the Kashmiri Pandits community are estimated to have migrated from the Valley in the wake of terrorist violence in Jammu and Kashmir. Most of these migrants are staying in camps or under their own arrangements in Jammu and Delhi, while a few are staying in other parts of the country. The conditions in the camps and other facilities for the migrants are being reviewed regularly so that the problems being faced by the migrants are redressed to the extent possible.

(c) and (d) Sustained pressure is being maintained on the militants so as to reduce the fear of the gun and create conditions conducive to the early return of the migrants to the State|Valley.

2885. [*Transferred to 19th April*, 1994].

Policemen's involvement in crimes in Delhi

2886. SHRI MOAMHMED AFZAL Alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 261 policemen have been involved in various crimes in the first half of 1993, in Delhi;

(b) if so, what action Government intend to take or has taken to punish the guilty policemen; and

(c) what steps Government intend to take to bring down|control the rising crime graph in the city of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir. The Delhi Police have reported that 58 police officials were found to have been involved in various crimes during the first half of 1993.

(b) and (c) The department has been taking deterrent action against policemen where charges of criminal misconduct have been substantiated. This action includes registration of criminal cases, suspension of concerned officials initiation of departmental enquiries, dismissal/removal from service in suitable cases, etc.

The Government has taken several steps to check crime in general. These include increased patrolling; posting of pickets at stategic points; strengthening of intelligence; frequent raids at ihe hideouts of criminals; increased surveillance; coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring states; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; introduction of scientist methods of investigation, modernisation of communication network, etc.

Providing employment to youth in North Eastern States

2887. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL:
SMT. KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minlster of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the burgeoning insurgent violence in the seven North Eastern States involves the educated but largely unemployed youth of these under developed States;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that checking unemployment is the only lasting solution to the menace of insurgent violence in the North East; and

(c) if so, whether Government intend to take any steps to provide/generate employment in this area, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Growth of insurgency could be attributed to several factors. Lack of adequate employment opportunities could be a contributory factor. Insurgency in the North Eastern States, is, however, not limited to educated and largely unemployed youth of these States. For the overall economic development of these States several special steps have been taken which include, inter-alia, allocation of Central Plan Assistance under a separate formula for Special Category States and channelising of additional funds through the North Eastern Council. A High Level Committee of Central Ministers presided over by the Union Home Minister oversees major projects with a view to accelerating the pace of development. Such steps are expected to generate more employment opportunities in the region.

Boundary dispute between the States of U.P. and Bihar

2888.SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite Bihar and U.P. Alteration of Boundaries Act, 1968, the boundary conflict between the States continues;

(b) if so, what is the nature of the boundary dispute between the States of Bihar and U.P. and what are the areas under dispute; and

(c) what measures have been taken by the Central Government so far to settle the dispute and what are the impediments in findng a solution to the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) Based upon the Arbitral Award of Shri C. M. Trivedi, which was accepted by both the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, the Bihar and Uttar Pradesh (Alteration of Boundaries) Act, 1968 was enacted to replace the fluctuating inter-state river boundaries by a fixed boundary along the Bhojpur and Saran districts in Bihar and Ballia district in Uttar Pradesh. There is no boundary dispute as such. However, there have been occasional conflicting claims between private parties in respect of rights of ownership and cultivation of land in some of the areas transferred from one State to the other following the enforcement of the said Act. Such disputes are already sub-judice. There are, however, some differences between the two State Governments over the exchange of records of rights of cultivators in respect of their lands in certain villages falling in the transferred territories.

The Central Government have held some meetings with the representatives of the two State Governments and Survey of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh have been requested to complete the survey and record operations expeditiously. The problem is essentially a matter to be sorted out between the two State Governments bilaterally at the appropriate level.